

RVU's Pursuit of Excellence



Message from the Vice Chancellor

In an increasingly interconnected yet complex world, education must go beyond knowledge and skills to nurture awareness, responsibility, and a sense of community. It is important that we continue to uphold values of empathy, social consciousness, and collective well-being, especially in times of change.

At RV University, we remain committed to shaping thoughtful and engaged individuals. Our focus is on ensuring that our students, the future leaders, are not only academically prepared, but also aware of their role in contributing meaningfully to society.

Over the past quarter, it has been encouraging to see this spirit reflected across campus. Initiatives such as blood donation drives, cleanliness campaigns, and student-led awareness efforts have fostered a strong sense of community engagement. The continued work through NCC and NSS further reinforces this culture of service.

Equally enriching have been the lectures and workshops conducted by distinguished speakers, who have shared their perspectives and experiences, encouraging our students to think critically and act with intent. This reflects our focus and conscientiousness in creating coordinated intellectual engagement, which plays a vital role in broadening horizons and reinforcing the importance of lifelong learning.

As we move ahead, let us continue to build a culture that values both excellence and empathy, preparing our students to make a positive difference and Go, change the world.



Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani
Vice Chancellor,
RV University

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Announcements

CSR BBA Survey 2026

Distinguished BBA Institutes

Rank	College	City
1	RV University School of Business	Bengaluru
2	Pimpri Chinchwad University	Maval
3	I.T.S. College of Professional Studies	Greater Noida
14	Khallikote University	Ganjam

competition SUCCESS review

SoB's BBA programme ranked among India's top "Distinguished BBA Institutes."

RV University's School of Business has been recognised by *Competition Success Review* as a "Leading Institute in Excellence," with its BBA programme ranked among the top "Distinguished BBA Institutes" in India. This accolade reinforces the university's commitment to academic quality, industry-relevant learning, and student success. By maintaining high standards in leadership development, RVU continues to establish itself as a premier destination for business education.

RV University is pleased to announce the appointment of Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal as the Director of the upcoming RVU Mysuru campus, in addition to his role as Pro Vice Chancellor. He will also serve as the Founding Dean of the School of Management, leading academic development and programme design.

As the Founding Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Uniyal has been instrumental in shaping RV University over the past five years, establishing key schools including Business, Economics and Public Policy, and Continuing Education and Professional Studies at the Bengaluru campus.

In his new role, he will drive the development of the Mysuru campus, building a strong academic ecosystem rooted in innovation and excellence.



Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Prasad Uniyal appointed as the Director of the upcoming RVU Mysuru campus



An MoE Govt of India Initiative

RV University has been officially designated as a Nodal Centre for Virtual Labs under IIT Delhi, marking a significant milestone in advancing digital learning tools in technical education.

The initiative is coordinated by Dr. Rashmi S., Professor, School of Computer Science & Engineering (SoCSE), who serves as the Institute Nodal Coordinator (INC), under the guidance of Prof. Shobha G., Dean, SoCSE.

RVU designated as a Nodal Centre for Virtual Labs under IIT Delhi

Inauguration of a DST-sponsored Research Lab within the Centre for Science Innovation, SoCSE

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of a DST-sponsored Research Lab within the Centre for Science Innovation. Held on 18 March 2026, the ceremony featured Chief Guest Prof. K Rajanna, Honourary Professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore.

Partnering with industry leader Aryan Circuits, the lab is dedicated to advancing sensor development, semiconductor research, and technical skill development. This new facility serves as a hub for cutting-edge innovation, providing students and researchers with the resources to drive breakthroughs in the semiconductor and instrumentation sectors.

The research grant was awarded to Dr. Baishali Garai (Associate Professor and Programme Director – Basic Sciences at SoCSE) as the Principal Investigator, and Dr. Vidya M.J. (Associate Professor at SoCSE) as the Co-Investigator.



Lecture Series and Workshops



FDP on "Fundamentals and Advances in Deep Learning, Artificial Intelligence and Agentic AI Applications"

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) in collaboration with E&ICT Academy, IIT Guwahati organised a one-week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) from 5–9 January 2026 on "Fundamentals and Advances in Deep Learning, Artificial Intelligence and Agentic AI Applications".

Shri Shashidhar Srinivas, IAS (Kerala Cadre, Retd.) and Deputy CEO and COO of CRISP (Centre for Research in Schemes and Policies) delivered a distinguished talk on "Troubleshooting in a PPP (Public Private Partnership) project: Adani's Vizhinjim Port" on 7 January 2026.

The sixth edition of RV Intellect Series was facilitated by Dr. A.R.K.S. Srinivas, CEO of IIT Kanpur Foundation for Advanced Consulting Education and Training on 23 January 2026.

The next distinguished talk was delivered by Dr. R. D. Ravindran, Chairman of Aravind Eye Care System, Madurai on 19 February 2026. Dr. Ravidran spoke on "Scaling Compassion with Discipline: The Aravind Model of Leadership, Strategy, and Sustainable Excellence." This inspiring lecture was attended by students and staff.

Dr. Joel Maria Xavier, Director, Campus and Residential Life, NLSIU Bengaluru delivered the a talk on "Socialisation in a University – The Advantages of Designing and Curating the Socialisation Experience in a University" on 27 February 2026.

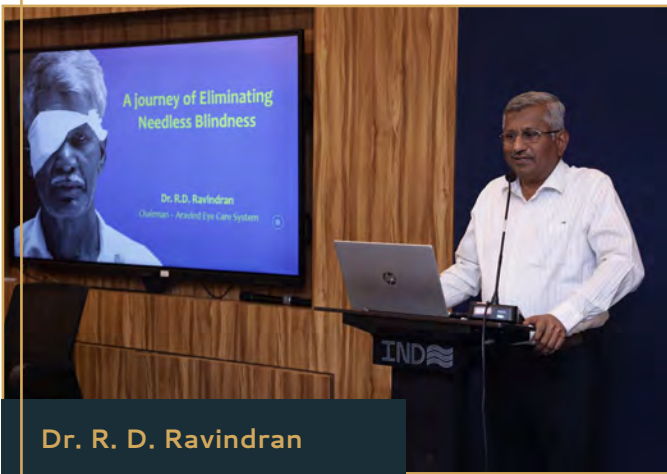
RVU Intellect Lecture Series organised during the quarter



Shri Shashidhar Srinivas



Dr. A.R.K.S. Srinivas



Dr. R. D. Ravindran

On 13 March 2026, Mr. Ramesh Venkateswaran, Chairman, Board of Governors, Indian Institute of Technology, Palakkad, and author of "The Happiness Trail-A roadmap to Success" delivered a thought provoking talk that explored the role of socialisation and institutional culture in shaping the university experience.

All these were organised as part of the ongoing RVU Intellect Series



Dr. Joel Maria Xavier



Mr. Ramesh Venkateswaran



A two-day multidisciplinary technology workshop conducted on Future Technologies & Industry Readiness

A two-day multidisciplinary technology workshop on "Future Technologies & Industry Readiness" was organised on 13-14 January 2026 by SoCSE for their B.C.A. and B.Sc. students. The workshop covered key emerging domains including Robotics, Semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Data Science, Cybersecurity, Cloud Computing, and Integrated Technologies, with expert faculty sessions, hands-on demos, case studies, and career guidance.

On 20 January 2026, the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts (SoFMCA) organised an interactive session with Mr. Rajiv M. Vijayakar, the official biographer of the late actor Dharmendra. The session, The Everlasting Charisma of Dharmendra, was hosted by Prof. Piyush Roy, Founding Dean of SoFMCA where Dr. Roy was in conversation with Mr. Vijayakar.



Mr. Rajiv M. Vijayakar delivers an interactive session, The Everlasting Charisma of Dharmendra



A five-day FDP conducted on Introduction to Mobile AR Development using Unity RT3Dline

The School of Computer Science and Engineering (SoCSE) and IEEE community of RVU, in collaboration with ARK Infosolutions Pvt. Ltd., Unity's official training and education partner organised a five-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Introduction to Mobile AR Development using Unity RT3Dline". This was held from 19-24 January 2026.



The Media & Journalism Department at SoFMCA conducted a masterclass on Global Sports Broadcasting on 5 February 2026. This session on "Behind the Scenes of Global Sports Events: Delivering on-ground operations for IPL, ICC, FIFA & more" featured Ms. Amrita Sampathkumar, a live Sports Broadcaster, who has worked with Star Sports, Hotstar, Times Now, BCCI, IMG Reliance, and across global events such as the IPL, ICC & FIFA World Cups, Euros, ISL, and the Australian Open among others.



Ms. Amrita Sampathkumar giving a masterclass on Global Sports Broadcasting



Mr. Kabir Upmanyu talks about Digital News Desk Practices

On 10 February 2026, the department organised a session on “Digital News Desk Practices: Tracking, Production, and Story Packaging”. This was led by Mr. Kabir Upmanyu, former journalist with The Quint and currently an Assistant Professor at Symbiosis International University, Pune.

On 19 February 2026, the Media and Journalism Department hosted an engaging panel discussion on ‘Innovation, Investment & Impact: Charting the Future of India’s Entrepreneurial Ecosystem’. This was led by Ms. Archana Rai, Author & Former Editor–South, The Economic Times.



Ms. Archana Rai in a panel discussion with SoFMCA students and faculty

They held another electrifying session on “The Creator Economy: Turning Content into a Career” with social media influencer, Ms. Varsha Singh on 10 March 2026. The session explored the growing opportunities in social media, personal branding, and how creators can turn their passion into a profession. Her vibrant interaction kept the students engaged and inspired throughout.



Social media influencer Ms. Varsha Singh talks about the growing opportunities in social media

SoCSE organised a virtual session for an industry-oriented workshop on Cloud Security. This was conducted by Mr. Himanshu Gupta, Senior Solution Architect, IBM, Pune on 6 February 2026.

Mr. Himanshu Gupta, Senior Solution Architect, IBM, Pune





On 6 February 2026, the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) hosted “Lead Her Forward – An Experiential Leadership Lab for Women.” This transformative session aimed to bolster leadership awareness and confidence among women students and faculty through high-impact simulations and reflective exercises.

The workshop was expertly facilitated by a distinguished panel from the WICCI Leadership Coaching Council, Karnataka, and included Ms. Asha Biradar (President), Ms. Sonam Dave (Marketing Director, Women Emerging UK), Ms. Padmajah Narasimhan (Founder of NTCS and Marketing & Branding Champion), and Ms. Ashwini Amarnath Kamath (Entrepreneur and Champion of Partnership & Funding).

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The School of Computer Science and Engineering launched its AgentBlazer Club at RVU on 9 February 2026. This was followed by AI Learning Day lead by Mr. Santhosh Rebello, Global Workforce Development & University Program Manager at India, Salesforce.



Mr. Santhosh Rebello launching AgentBlazer Club at RVU



The School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) hosted a distinguished talk on “Architects of the State: Launching your Career in Public Policy and Governance” on 11 February 2026. It was delivered by Mr. Yash Agarwal, Co-Founder, Public Policy India. Mr. Agarwal explored India’s shifting public policy landscape, highlighting how the field has moved beyond government into diverse sectors—like tech and non-profits—to create vast new career paths in research, advocacy, and implementation.

Mr. Yash Agarwal talks on Architects of the State: Launching your Career in Public Policy and Governance

On 13 February 2026, SoCSE held an expert talk on "Higher Education Importance & Career Opportunities". This was jointly delivered by Mr. Allanki Jaswanth Naidu, Sr. Manager, Unibox Overseas Education and Mr. M. Bhimsen, Director of EduPrime Global Academy.

SoCSE organises a talk on "Higher Education Importance & Career Opportunities"



A two-day workshop on "AI Tools for Efficient and High-Quality Academic Research" by SoCSE

The Centre for Applied and Responsible AI (CARA) and SoCSE organised a two-day workshop on "AI Tools for Efficient and High-Quality Academic Research". Held on 20-21 February 2026, this workshop introduced participants to the latest AI-powered tools and techniques that significantly enhance research efficiency and quality. Through these hands-on demonstrations, participants learnt how AI can simplify repetitive tasks, support critical thinking, and improve the overall research workflow. The session empowered researchers, faculty members, and students to leverage AI responsibly and effectively in academic and scientific research.

SoFMCA invited Ms. Roopa Rao, eminent Indie filmmaker and a prominent voice in Indie filmmaking in Karnataka, for a seminar on "Against the current: A Woman's path in Indie Filmmaking" on 20 February 2026. Ms. Rao, whose work includes, The other love story, Gantumoot, Kenda, Asmin, among others, engaged with the students and shared insights on the nuances of the craft.



Ms. Roopa Rao addresses SoFMCA faculty and students



SoCSE organised a cluster expo on 23 February 2026, titled “Kaushlaya 2026 – Explore, Elevate, Enlighten”. The event featured live project demonstrations, student research showcases, and deep-faculty interactions, offering a hands-on look at the next generation of digital innovation on AI, ML, Cloud Computing, Cybersecurity, and Data Science.



Kaushlaya 2026 – Explore, Elevate, Enlighten – An Expo by SoCSE

The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) hosted a public lecture on “Medical Malpractice: Standards of Care and Legal Accountability” on 27 February 2026. This was delivered by Ms. Bhanu Tanwar, Assistant Professor of Law at the National Law School of India University in Bengaluru.



SoLAS invites Ms. Bhanu Tanwar to deliver a public lecture



Ms. Anindita Pattanayak leads a discussion on “Balancing Protection and Autonomy under the POCSO Act 2012”

The Centre for Criminal Justice Studies (CCJS) along with Centre for Legal Aid and Community Engagement (LACE) at the School of Law (SoL) hosted a discussion on “Balancing Protection and Autonomy under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012”. This was held on 27 February 2026 and delivered by Ms. Anindita Pattanayak, Senior Legal Researcher, Enfold Proactive Health Trust.

On March 2 and 6, 2026, SoCSE and the IEEE Women in Engineering group hosted the 5th "Mobile Application Development Bootcamp." Part of the Peer-Mentor Learning Series, the workshop saw 7th-semester B.Sc. (Hons) students lead sessions on native and cross-platform app development. Participants gained hands-on experience in building Android applications, fostering essential teamwork and project-readiness through a practical, activity-based approach.



5th "Mobile Application Development Bootcamp" organised for SoCSE students



A one-day academic seminar on literature followed by a panel discussion hosted by SoLAS

The Centre for Literary Studies and Translation at the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) hosted a one-day academic seminar on literature titled 'Contemporary Debates in Literary Studies' on 9 March 2026. The seminar featured two distinguished scholars: Prof. S. V. Srinivas (Azim Premji University), who delivered a lecture on 'Texts and Readers in the Digital Age,' and Dr. Nivea Thomas (CHRIST Deemed to be University), who spoke on 'Folklore and Translation.' The lectures were followed by a panel discussion on 'Teaching Literature Today', moderated by Dr. Abhishek Chatterjee, Assistant Professor at SoLAS.

The School of Business (SoB) welcomed back CA Naresh Kumar Hotta for an insightful deep dive titled "Financial Forecasting in Focus: Capital Market Discipline Behind Corporate Growth Stories." The programme was delivered across two sessions on 11 March and 16 March 2026, specifically tailored for SoB students.



CA Naresh Kumar Hotta



Mr. Venkitesh S. Iyer, a prominent Money Management Coach, gives lecture on "Must know Aspects of Fixed Income"

The School of Business organised a distinguished lecture on "Must know Aspects of Fixed Income" for its students and staff on 13 March 2026. It was delivered by Mr. Venkitesh S. Iyer, a prominent Money Management Coach.

The Centre for Studies in Politics and Democracy at SoLAS hosted a distinguished public lecture on "Politics and Democracy". It featured an insightful talk by Prof. Jeevan Kumar, Professor of Political Science (Retd.) at Bangalore University. The session was held on 13 March 2026.



The Centre for Studies in Politics and Democracy invites Prof. Jeevan Kumar to deliver a lecture



On 13 March 2026, SoCSE hosted a Microsoft-certified workshop in collaboration with CloudThat, a Microsoft Global Training Partner. Supported and funded by Microsoft, the session was delivered by certified experts Ms. G.R. Deeba Lakshmi (MCT), Senior Microsoft Authorized Instructor – Tech Lead, Azure Data and Mr. Akhilash Nambiar, Subject Matter Expert.



The workshop provided B.Tech. (Hons.), B.Sc. (Hons.), and BCA (Hons.) students with hands-on exposure to Azure platforms, covering Cloud Computing, AI, DevOps, Security, and Microsoft Copilot. By integrating industry-oriented learning with Microsoft pathways, the event successfully bridged the gap between academic theory and professional practice.

SoCSE conducts a Microsoft-certified workshop in collaboration with CloudThat

The School of Business, in collaboration with the School of Film, Media and Creative Arts and RVU's Library by Brigade, hosted an evocative panel discussion titled "Planet in Focus: Stories from the Environmental Frontline" on 25 March 2026. The session featured guest panellist Mr. Chiranjeevi Kulkarni, Special Correspondent at Deccan Herald, and was moderated by Prof. Tanmoy Goswami from SoFMCA, alongside student co-moderators Madhumitha (B.Com. student from SoB) and Shreyas Ghosh (M.Sc. Filmmaking student at SoFMCA).

The event highlighted the power of visual storytelling through the screening of two student-led documentaries: 'Tasting Tomorrow', directed by Rutvi (Filmmaking Major from SoLAS), and 'Vrishabavathi: The Poisoned River', directed by Suraj M. and Prem (students of the M.A. Programme at SoFMCA).



"Planet in Focus," a panel on environmental storytelling, featuring journalist Mr. Chiranjeevi Kulkarni held at RVU



SoCSE in collaboration with Garuda Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. conducted a three-day hands-on workshop on Drone Technology Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) operations and live flying from 25–27 March 2026.

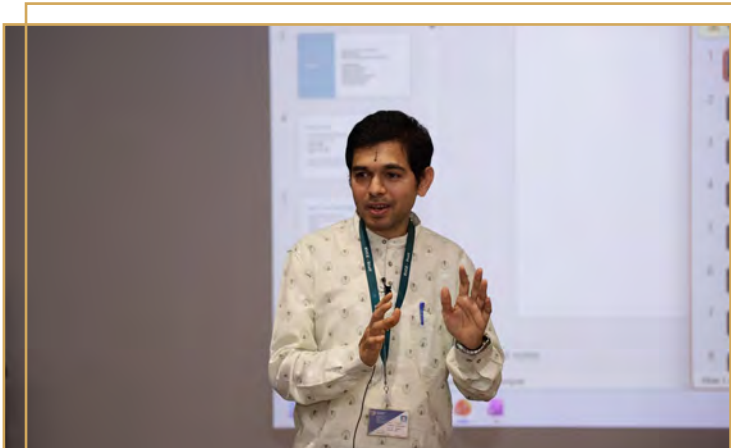
The workshop combined theoretical learning, simulation-based training, and real-time drone flying experience to provide comprehensive exposure to modern drone systems and their industrial applications. Participants learnt the fundamentals of drone technology, flight principles, safety regulations, mission planning, and drone operations through expert guidance from professionals at Garuda Aerospace Pvt. Ltd.

A workshop on Drone Technology UAV held in collaboration with Garuda Aerospace Pvt. Ltd.

SoB hosts two distinguished lectures by eminent speakers from the industry

SoB hosted a distinguished lecture on "India as a Global Manufacturing Hub: Financial Realities Behind the China+1 Strategy" on 26 March 2026. Mr. Abhishek Mishra, General Manager – Digital Solutions & Brand– Jindal Aluminium Limited was the guest speaker.

On the same day, SoB held another insightful guest lecture on "'Legally Speaking...': Business Setup 101 : A Practical Guide to Registrations, Licenses, and Legal Compliance" which was delivered by Mr. Sateesh S. Kudtarkar, Advocate – High Court of Karnataka.



SoCSE hosts a lecture on "Linear Algebra: The Engine Behind AI and Machine Learning"

SoCSE invited Dr. Venugopal K., Assistant Professor at the Department of Mathematics in RV College of Engineering (RVCE) on 27 March 2026. Dr. Venugopal gave a lecture on "Linear Algebra: The Engine Behind AI and Machine Learning".

On 27 March 2026, the School of Economics and Public Policy (SoEPP) organised a distinguished talk on "Career Prospects for Economists in the Age of AI". Dr. Rumki Majumdar, Chief India Economist delivered this interesting talk.



Chief India Economist delivers a talk to SoEPP students



The School of Allied and Healthcare Professions (SoAHP) presented a session on Career Talks in Allied and Healthcare Professions (Cardiac Care Technology) titled, "Life Skills in Cardiac Technology: Empowering Future Technologists" on 27 March 2026. The speaker was Ms. Sampada Gaikwad, Assistant Professor at the Department of Cardiac Sciences in Parul University, Gujarat.

SoAHP hosts a Career Talks on Life Skills in Cardiac Technology by Ms. Sampada Gaikwad

Internationalism



Dr. Bidyut Baruah from University of York delivers a technical talk

An international technical talk titled "From Blueprints to Backlogs: How Engineers Are Redefining Project Leadership" was organised by SoCSE on 27 January 2026. The session featured Dr. Bidyut Baruah, Professor at the University of York in UK.

The School of Business along with the School of Economics and Public Policy organised a distinguished talk on "Academic Research & Publishing: How to Navigate this Path?" on 9 January 2026. This was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Sudipta Sarangi, Professor & Dept. Head at the Dept. of Economics at Virginia Tech (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University) in the USA.



SoB & SoEPP invites Prof. (Dr.) Sudipta Sarangi from Virginia Tech, USA



Dr. Franco Miguel Nodado from West Visayas State University, Philippines addresses SoAHP students

On 12 February 2026, the School of Allied and Healthcare Professions (SoAHP) presented the next edition of Microbial Voices (Microbiology Society Champion Event), "Inhibitory activity of *Vitex negundo* (Lagundi) leaf extracts against biofilm formation and quorum sensing of *Vibrio cholerae*". This was delivered by Dr. Franco Miguel Nodado, Doctor of Medicine (MD) candidate, West Visayas State University, College of Medicine, La Paz, Iloilo City, Philippines.

The Center for Applied and Responsible AI (CARA) and SoCSE organised an International Webinar titled “Advancing Supply Chain Research: Emerging Directions and Collaborative Opportunities” on 27 February 2026. Ms. Tay Huay Ling, an Associate Professor at the School of Business (Logistics and Supply Chain Management) in Singapore University of Social Sciences was invited to address the students.



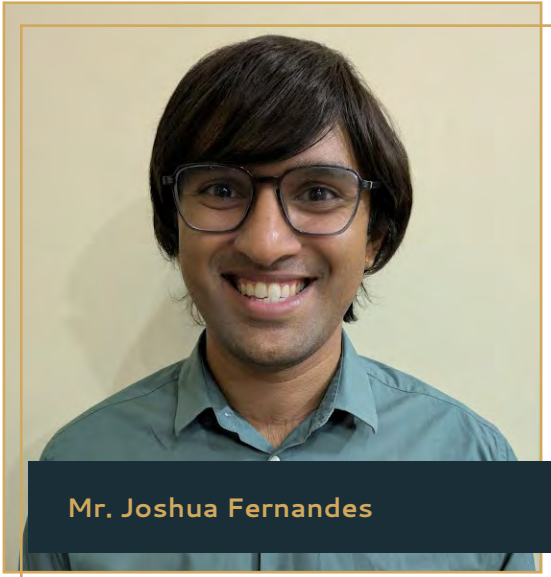
Ms. Tay Huay Ling from Singapore University of Social Sciences facilitates an international webinar for SoCSE students



RVU Mysuru conducts a masterclass for Tanzanian delegation by Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Uniyal

RV University Mysuru conducted a masterclass on “Crisis Management and Leadership” on 22 February 2026 for a 15-member Tanzanian delegation under the ITEC Programme on Railway Rescue Operations, organised by IRIDM, Bengaluru. The session was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Dwarika Uniyal, Pro Vice Chancellor – RVU and Director – Mysuru campus, focusing on crisis preparedness, leadership under pressure, and emergency response. The delegation, led by Mr. Abraham Germanico Ntezidyo, actively participated, making it a valuable platform for knowledge exchange and strengthening India–Tanzania collaboration in disaster management.

Student Achievements



Mr. Joshua Fernandes

Mr. Joshua Fernandes, a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SoLAS) has published a paper titled, "Defining Colour in Tarkasaṅgraha and its Commentaries" in Sophia (2026), which is a prestigious Q1 Scopus-indexed journal.

Mr. Fernandes has also recently submitted a Ph.D. thesis titled, "Down the Rabbit Hole: A Philosophical Investigation into Virtual Reality", under the research supervision of Dr. Sudhindra Maganahalli (Assistant Professor of Philosophy at SoLAS).

Mr. Surya Maheswaran and Mr. Sohan Kori from SoCSE completed their internship at the National University of Singapore from 23 December 2025 to 3 January 2026.



Mr. Surya Maheswaran and Mr. Sohan Kori at NUS



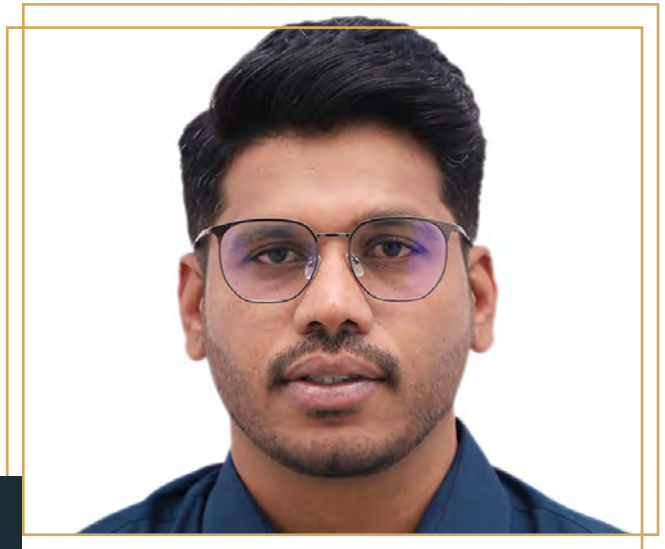
Mr. Kushal S.

Mr. Kushal S., a second-year Computer Science student, has secured a research internship at the Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI).

This achievement was enabled by SoCSE's minor in Semiconductor Technologies, introduced in collaboration with industry. The programme provided strong exposure to semiconductor fabrication and characterisation techniques, equipping Kushal with the domain knowledge that played a key role in his selection.

A research paper by Mr. Siva Subramaniam K.N., an LL.M. student of IPR & Technology Law at the School of Law (SoL) was published as Chapter 25, titled "Balancing Innovation and Security: Cyber Law, Ethics, Security, and the Protection of Critical Infrastructure in the Digital Era," in the book, "Law and Technology: Ethics, Regulations and Innovation". This was published by Universal Academic Books Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, India

Mr. Siva Subramaniam



A filmmaking major student at SoFMCA, Mr. Harshith P.'s short film titled "The Hunt – Part 1" has been selected in the Top 10 (Nano International Category) at the 12th Edition of the Flame First Cut International Film Festival, organised by the Flame University in Lavale, Pune.

Mr. Harshith P.

SoFMCA student, Mr. V. Srinivas Rao's film, "The Endless Scroller," was selected by the Waves Bazaar team to be screened at the India AI Summit 2026 in New Delhi. This film won several awards at TIFA (Teen Indie Film Awards) 2025.

Mr. V. Srinivas Rao





RVU students participated in "Sundays on Cycle" campaign under the Fit India Movement by UGC



In accordance with the advisory issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under the Fit India Movement, 50 students of RVU actively participated in the nationwide "Sundays on Cycle" campaign held on 15 February 2026.

The initiative was organised in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India (SAI), Bengaluru, to promote physical fitness, environmental sustainability, and healthy lifestyle practices among students.

Ms. Sandhyashree Karanth, a third-year B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) student and a member of the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies (CCJS) at SoL has authored two significant publications in the field of criminal law.

Her article, "When Civil Wrongs Are Prosecuted As Crimes: The Growing Crisis of Overcriminalisation", was published in LiveLaw on 11 February 2026. Earlier, her piece titled "Bodies of Control: Handcuffing and the Return of the Carceral State under BNSS" was featured in SCC Online on 26 November 2025.



Ms. Sandhyashree Karanth



Ms. Poorvi, a second-year B.Sc. Criminology student and member of CCJS at SoL presented her paper titled “Rape and Sexual Assault in the Metaverse – Beyond Avatars” at the 2nd International Conference on Global Criminology and Victimology, 2025.



Ms. Poorvi presented her paper at the 2nd International Conference on Global Criminology and Victimology, 2025



RVU's SoB students emerged as the Overall Runner-up at Adroit 2026

The contingent from RVU's School of Business has emerged as the Overall Runner-up at Adroit 2026, the annual flagship fest of Kristu Jayanti University held on 17 February 2026.

Competing in the HR vertical, our students showcased exceptional resilience, adaptability and sharp decision-making skills in high-pressure, real-world scenarios. From navigating crisis situations to thinking on their feet, their journey reflects the power of composure, teamwork and continuous learning.



Our SoL students clinched the Overall Championship Trophy at INQUISITOR'26

RVU students from SoL celebrated a remarkable achievement at INQUISITOR'26 – National Level Forensic Science Fest, hosted by Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru on 17 February 2026.

A talented team of students from B.Sc. Criminology, Cyber Law and Forensic Sciences showcased their excellence across a series of challenging forensic-themed competitions, testing analytical thinking, legal reasoning, crime scene interpretation and subject expertise.

RVU clinched the Overall Championship Trophy, marking a significant milestone for the department and reinforcing the University's strong presence on national platforms.

This achievement stands as a testament to RVU's academic rigor and commitment to excellence.





Marking their third consecutive year of participation, 15 students and five faculty members from the School of Design and Innovation (SDI) showcased three magnificent installations at the 2026 Kala Ghoda Arts Festival in Mumbai. Held from 31 January to 8 February 2026, the festival provided a platform for the students to engage with the professional arts community under the theme "Ahead of the Curve."

The team presented three distinct works: Not so Lokal, which reimagined everyday urban experiences; Kal ke Akaar, which explored futuristic forms; and Studio Kinetra, a blend of movement and design innovation. These installations, selected by the KGAF Curatorial Committee, highlighted the students' creative excellence and SDI's dedication to bold, socially relevant expression within the city's historic heritage district.

SDI students showcase three installations at Kala Ghoda Arts Festival 2026 in Mumbai





Ms. Neha V. Ibrampur

Ms. Neha V. Ibrampur, a full-time Ph.D. scholar in the School of Business, working under the research supervision of Dr. Logasakthi Kandasamy, has published a book chapter titled "Road Map for Integrating Artificial Intelligence and Emotional Intelligence: Employee Well-Being, Agile Workflow to Achieve Organizational Resilience". The book chapter has been published by Springer Nature



Ms. Yashodha Krishna

Ms. Yashodha Krishna, a full-time Ph.D. scholar in the School of Business (SoB), working under the research supervision of Prof. Diganta Chakrabarti, Dean-Academic Affairs, has co-authored a book chapter along with Dr. Logasakti, Associate Professor at SoB. The book chapter titled "Analyzing the Effects of AI Tools on Agile Recruitment: A Path to Achieving Innovation Resilience in Organizational Dynamics" has been published by Springer.

RVU earned multiple recognitions at ICTIEE 2026, hosted by GITAM University in association with IUCEE. The University received the IUCEE College Consortium Member Recognition (2025-26), the Student Chapter Recognition Award, and an Outstanding Project Award at the EduAIthon Hackathon under IASF 2026, along with a ₹10,000 cash prize. Our SoCSE students were recognised for developing impactful AI-driven solutions aligned with UN SDG 4 – Quality Education, reflecting a strong culture of innovation and experiential learning.



RVU bags multiple awards at GITAM University's ICTIEE 2026





Aditya S. Maller and Sujay V. Kulkarni

B.Tech. (Hons.) students from SoCSE, Aditya S. Maller and Sujay V. Kulkarni, represented RVU at the International Conference on Innovations in Machine, Engineering and Digital (IMED 2026) on 6–7 March 2026 at Jesselton University College, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

They presented the paper “Metric-Driven Adaptive Temperature Prediction for Neural Text Generation: A Regression-Based Approach”, accepted for the conference and submitted for IEEE Xplore publication. The research enables AI text generation systems to dynamically adjust creativity and precision based on context, improving reliability and real-world applicability. Both the students received a Certificate of Appreciation for their achievement.

The research team also included Bruhat Kulkarni, B.Tech. (Hons.) student, Prof. Manjul Krishna Gupta, Prof. Karthikeyan Periyasami, and Prof. Dr. Ashwini Kodipalli.

Faculty and staff Achievements



Pro Chancellor, Mr. D.P. Nagaraj, was invited as an esteemed guest and panellist at The Economic Times, EDNXT Bengaluru 2026 held on 5 February 2026. The Bengaluru edition brought together higher education and school leaders, policymakers, edtech innovators, and industry stakeholders to engage in forward-looking conversations on future-ready learning, digital transformation, leadership, skilling, and innovation shaping the next phase of India's education ecosystem. Mr. Nagaraj presented his views on "Empowering the Educator: Faculty Readiness in an AI-Transformed Higher Ed System"

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Dr. Saliha Bathool, Assistant Professor at SoCSE recently published her paper in the SCI Q1 journal of Computers and Electrical Engineering. Her paper was titled "Tuned improved SqueezeNet with texture pattern extractor based object recognition and distance estimation for navigating visually impaired persons."

Dr. Saliha Bathool





SoCSE Research scholar and faculty's paper received the Best Research Paper Award at an International Conference held in Kathmandu

SoCSE Research scholar Sivakumar Dhakshinamoorthy, and Faculty Dr. P. Karthikeyan, and Dr. V. Balaji presented a research paper titled "Responsible AI Framework for Ethical and Inclusive Adoption of AI in Indian Education Systems". Their paper received the Best Research Paper Award at the IEEE Nepal Section International Conference on ICT and Photonics (ICTP 2026) held in Kathmandu, Nepal on 11 February 2026.

The IEEE International Conference on ICT and Photonics (ICTP 2026) was a four-day international event that brought together over 200 researchers, academicians, innovators, and students from across the globe to deliberate on Secure AI, governance, cybersecurity research, and emerging technologies.

Dr. V. Balaji, Assistant Professor at SoCSE published a research paper titled 'Accessible Multilingual Audio-based Image Alternative (ALT) Description for the Persons with Visual Impairment' in the journal Universal Access in the Information Society. This was published by Springer (Q2 Journal).

A research paper titled "Echo-Sign: Dynamic Gesture Recognition for an Interactive AI Mobile Application for Persons with Hearing Impairment" was honoured with the Best Paper Award at the Springer-indexed 2nd International Conference on Data Engineering & Machine Intelligence (ICDEMI 2025). It was awarded to Dr. V. Balaji, Dr. Ritu Raj Lamsal, Dr. Thiruselvan S, Dr. Gunikhan Sonowal, Dr. Karthikeyan P, and Mrs. Valli C.



Dr. V. Balaji





Dr Ranjini C.R. has been conferred the prestigious India-UK Achievers Award.

Dr. Ranjini C. R., Professor at SoEPP has been conferred the prestigious India-UK Achievers Award in the "Society, Policy & Law" category at the Palace of Westminster, UK on 24 February 2026. The programme brought together more than 700 leaders from over 350 universities, organisations and sector bodies, along with ministers, parliamentarians and senior figures from across the India-UK corridor. This recognition at the UK Parliament is therefore a significant international milestone.

Dr. Sheela S., Assistant Professor at SoCSE has recently published two research papers in the prestigious Q2-ranked journals, contributing to the fields of cybersecurity and wireless communication.

The first paper, titled "Federated Learning and Deep Learning-Driven Adaptive Cryptography for Context-Aware Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman Optimization and Anomaly-Aware Key Management in Next-Generation Wireless Networks," was featured in the Journal of Discrete Mathematical Sciences and Cryptography.

Her second publication, "A Hybrid Approach for Vehicular Spectrum Allocation Using Artificial Neural Networks with Autoencoders and CSI Feedback," has been released in a Q2 journal by Springer.



Dr. Sheela S.



Dr. Sasikala J., Assistant Professor at SoCSE, has received official confirmation of her Ph.D. degree from the Amrita School of Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Bengaluru. Her doctoral thesis, titled "Finite Element Approximation of Partial Differential Equations Using Sub-Parametric Transformations for Higher Order Triangular Elements," contributes to the field of computational mathematics and its applications in engineering.

Dr. Sasikala J.

Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, Vice Chancellor, RV University, has been inducted as a member of the Turnitin Strategic Assessment and Integrity Committee for South Asia, recognising his leadership in academic integrity, assessment innovation, and institutional governance. This role provides opportunities for collaboration and dialogue with senior academic leaders across the region.

On 19 January 2026, the VC delivered the course “Leadership for Social Impact” at XLRI Jamshedpur as part of the AICTE-approved postgraduate certificate programme in CSR Leadership, offered in collaboration with Tata Steel Foundation.

He also attended the AIU South Zone Vice Chancellors’ Meet 2025–26 at MS Ramaiah University, Bangalore (20–21 January 2026), discussing Promoting Entrepreneurship & Startups in Higher Education Institutions.

On 2–3 February 2026, he conducted sessions on Project and Financial Management at the Management Development Programme for senior IRS officers of the 1999 batch at the National Academy of Direct Taxes, Nagpur.

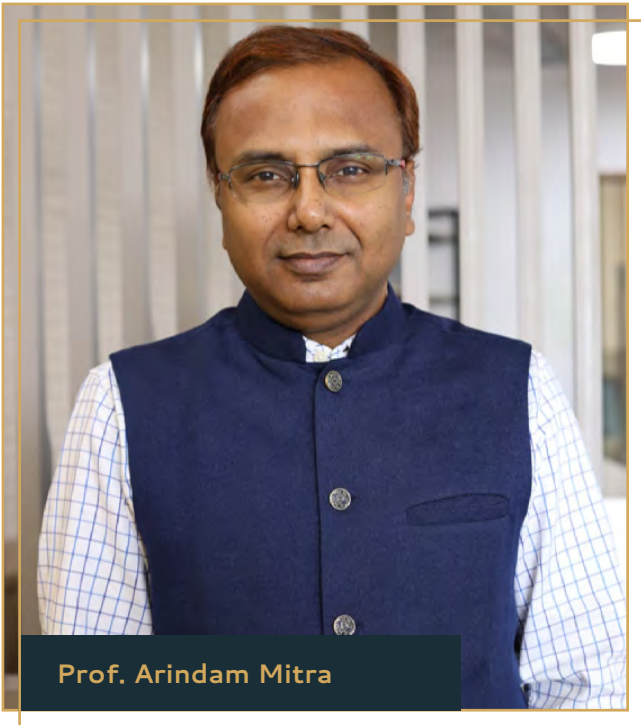
On 17 February 2026, he was the plenary speaker at the International Conference on Sustainable India at JAGSOM, presenting on “ESG for Bharat @2030: Policy, Regulation and National Priorities”.

On 22 February 2026, he graced the 9th Convocation of Hidayatullah National Law University, Raipur, alongside Hon’ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India. He also attended the General Council meeting, networking with Vice Chancellors of law universities across India, and participated in the foundation stone-laying of the new HNLU auditorium.

On 2 March 2026, at the BW Annual Engineering Summit, he spoke on a panel on Industry–Academia Collaboration, highlighting challenges and opportunities in joint research, internships, and co-created labs.



Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani



Prof. Arindam Mitra

Prof. Arindam Mitra, Dean and Professor at SoAHP recently completed the OCELOTS Fall 2025 – Spring 2026 Incubator and published a comprehensive case study titled “Wasterwater Watch: Can our sewers in Bangalore predict the next outbreak?” on the LearnGala platform.

This case study reflects the evolving teaching–learning pedagogy at RVU, where we advance experiential, case–based learning, promote open educational resources (OER), integrate real–world datasets into classroom teaching, and emphasise addressing societal challenges.

This work has also been published through the OCELOTS initiative on QUBES.

Prof. Anuradha Chatterjee, Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean, School of Design and Innovation, has been appointed as a juror for the 2026 International Chapter Architecture Awards by the Australian Institute of Architects.

This prestigious appointment is a testament to her expertise and leadership in design, and it reflects the high calibre of faculty at RV University. It highlights her contributions to professional citizenship and international practice, while reinforcing RVU’s commitment to global engagement and excellence in design education.

Prof. Chatterjee was invited as a speaker at RV Institute of Management (RVIM) for an Inclusiveness Panel, held as part of the International Women’s Day celebrations. Her insights on building inclusive spaces and empowering communities added depth to meaningful conversations that continue to shape a more equitable future.



Prof. Anuradha Chatterjee as a guest speaker at RVIM's International Women's Day celebrations



Prof. Harikumar Santhibhavan

On 20 March 2026, Prof. Harikumar Santhibhavan, Professor of Practice, SoCSE, RV University, served as a resource person for a half-day workshop with the Sanjay Ghodawat Group (SGG). The session, attended by around 50 participants, focused on Modern Project Management & Automation using AI tools across sectors such as Retail, Aviation, Energy, and Education, contributing to SGG's GCC and Learning & Development ecosystem.

Events and Conferences



RVU celebrates National Voters' Day



National Voters' Day was celebrated on 25 January 2026 at RV University on the theme "One Nation, One Election – Strengthening India's Democratic Framework". The programme was graced by Shri T. M. Vijay Bhaskar, IAS (Retd.), Chairman, Indian Institute of Public Administration, as the Chief Guest, and Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, Vice Chancellor, RV University, with participation of 97 cadets, ANOs, and CTOs, including electoral pledge and awareness activities.



Students, staff and faculty celebrate the 77th Republic Day at the campus



RV University celebrated the 77th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour on 26 January 2026. The event featured a spirited NCC parade that showcased discipline and dedication, along with active participation from NSS volunteers who contributed to the vibrant atmosphere of service and unity. The VC inspired the gathering with reflections on the Constitution, urging students to uphold its values. He highlighted the role of youth in safeguarding democratic principles and contributing to nation-building.



SoEPP organises an International Conference on "Frontiers in Economics for a Sustainable Future"

On 5–6 February 2026, RV University's School of Economics and Public Policy, in collaboration with the Indian Economic Association and sponsored by ONGC, hosted the International Conference on "Frontiers in Economics for a Sustainable Future". The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ram Kumar Kakani, graced the inauguration and chaired a pivotal session on Regenerative Ecosystems. The event opened with Prof. Ajit Karnik (Professor, RVU) discussing the realities of sustainability, followed by sessions from global scholars on climate change, education, and gender. Deliberations on India's digital economy emphasized the need for robust measurement to ensure infrastructure effectively addresses productivity and inequality. The conference concluded with a plenary session on sustainable agriculture featuring Prof. Madhura Swaminathan (Indian Statistical Institute), Prof. J. V. Meenakshi (Delhi School of Economics), and Dr. Sandipan Baksi (Director, Foundation for Agrarian Studies). Selected papers will be considered for publication in The Indian Economic Journal, extending the event's academic and policy impact.





On 13 February 2026, RV University's NCC and NSS units, in partnership with the BMST Rotary Bangalore Blood Centre, hosted a successful blood donation drive. Demonstrating a profound commitment to social responsibility, the university community collected 225 units of blood.

Vice Chancellor Kakani led by example as one of the day's first donors, inspiring a wave of participation from faculty, staff, and a significant number of first-time student donors. This initiative not only contributed vital resources to a noble cause but also successfully raised awareness across the campus regarding the life-saving importance of voluntary blood donation.





2nd edition of the 5-day Nurturing Future Leadership Programme

The second edition of the five-day FDP titled “Nurturing Future Leadership Programme” was conducted from 16 to 20 February 2026. Designed to bridge the gap between “learning and leading,” the intensive workshop immersed participants in practical simulations and collaborative challenges aimed at sharpening their strategic leadership capabilities. The sessions were facilitated by Shri Prem Singh (Retd. IAS) and Ms. Nidhi Sharma (Retd. IRS), both regular leadership trainers at LBSNAA, India’s apex public administration training institute, Mr. Akun Sabharwal, IPS officer, currently heading the ITBP’S Ladakh frontier, Ms. Richa Sinha, an ICF-certified Executive Coach and a certified Practitioner of Human-Centred Design and Prof. Kakani, VC, RVU.



RVU Mysuru hosts Principal's conclave

RVU Mysuru organised a Principal's Conclave witnessed the participation of 44 principals and academic leaders, from in and around Mysuru. The programme served as a valuable platform for academic interaction, collaboration, and strengthening institutional relationships.





RV University hosts JEET 2026, an Inter-University and Collegiate Sports Championship

RV University hosted JEET 2026, a high-energy Inter-University and Collegiate Sports Championship, from 26 February to 25 March 2026. The tournament reached its peak during the core competitive phase from 2 to 5 March, bringing together athletes from various universities to compete in Cricket, Volleyball, Throwball, and Football.

The championship served as a vibrant display of grit and sporting spirit, transitioning from powerful opening plays to unforgettable final victories. By fostering a high-intensity environment where “passion meets perseverance,” JEET 2026 provided a premier platform for students to demonstrate their athletic prowess and collective sportsmanship on a grand scale. The tournament was inaugurated by Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Anuradha Chatterjee and Registrar, Prof. Sahana D. Gowda.





RV University celebrated International Women’s Day 2026 with engaging initiatives across its Bengaluru and Mysuru campuses

At Bengaluru, the Women Empowerment Cell and HR Team hosted “Conversations that Inspire”, featuring Ms. Prachi Yadav, Ms. Anju Gupta, and Prof. Sahana D. Gowda. Moderated by Dr. Priyanka Suresh, the session on “Leading with Purpose” sparked meaningful dialogue, concluding with interactive activities and high tea.

In Mysuru, RVU, in collaboration with Young Indians (Yi) Mysuru and Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, co-organised ElevateHER, attended by nearly 300 women students and young professionals. A highlight was the AI Immersion Workshop by Dr. Baishali Garai, providing practical insights into Artificial Intelligence and machine learning.



Partnerships and Collaborations

RVU signs MoU with Vijayavani



On 20 January 2026, RVU's SofMCA signed an MoU with Vijayavani, the leading Kannada daily. The MoU was signed by Mr. Channe Gowda K. N., Editor-in-Chief, VRL Media Pvt. Ltd. from Vijayavani and Prof. Sahana D. Gowda, Registrar from RVU in the presence of faculty and staff of SoFMCA.

SoFMCA signed another MoU this quarter. This was signed with MINDIA. MINDIA is one of India's first edutainment platforms focused on documenting the country's social, cultural, and economic developments.

SoFMCA signs MoU with MINDIA



RVU signed an MoU with Public Policy India to build future collaborations in academic and professional domains. Public Policy India is the largest community-driven knowledge and engagement platform dedicated to building and shaping India's burgeoning Public Policy and Social Impact space. The MoU was signed on 5 February 2026.

SoEPP and Public Policy India ink an MoU



On 24 February 2026, a delegate from FH Dortmund, Germany along with a team from RVCE and RVITM met with Vice Chancellor Kakani and Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Anuradha Chatterjee along with Deans to continue advancing the collaboration following the signing of the MoU. This meeting marked an important step in strengthening the agreement and advancing joint initiatives. The focus was on developing a robust management system and enhancing the student learning experience.

FH Dortmund, Germany signs MoU with RVU



RV University signed a broad-based MoU with the University of Illinois, Springfields (UIS), USA. The team from UIS was represented by Dr. Janet Gooch, Chancellor, UIS; Dr. Deba Dutta, Sr. Advisor, UIS; Dr. Ranjan Karri, Professor, College of Business & Management, UIS; Dr. Shikha Lakhanpal, Director, UIS-India office.

RVU was represented by Prof. Dwarika Prasad Uniyal, Pro Vice Chancellor and Director-Mysuru campus; Prof. Arindam Mitra, Dean SoAHP and Director, International Relations and Prof. Cinthya J, Asst. Dean, SoCSE.



RVU signs MoU with University of Illinois, Springfields, USA